and no improvement work has yet been carried out as previously ordered. If the channels were improved soon, not only would the present lands receive good irrigation but more lands would be brought under wet cultivation. If a dam were constructed across the water which flows uselessly into the river near Karagola, 300 additional acres of wet land may be cultivated. The probable cost is Rs. 5,000. It is quite necessary that the Government should undertake this. The conservancy of the channels in this Taluk would be better under Revenue officers as in other Taluks.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. D. P. W. will take action in due course.

Subject No. 465.

Location of a Chattram between Himatgopal Hill and Masnigudi and grain doles to Pilgrims.

Summary of discussion.—The rice doles given at the Government Chattram and by private individuals at Gundlupet are not sufficient for the numerous pilgrims and travellers who visit Gundlupet and Himatgopal Hill. It would be a great help to these people if one of the State Chattrams which are still maintained on roads superseded by the Railway line be removed to some convenient place between the aforesaid Hill and Masnigudi and if provisions be ordered to be given therefrom to pilgrims.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable at present.

Subject No. 466.

Village authorities to issue free licenses for cutting fire wood from District Jungles.

Summary of discussion.—Land-holders are exempted from paying any fee for firewood cut in District Jungles, but they are required to obtain free licenses from the Taluk Cutcherry. This causes much inconvenience. Let the village authorities be empowered to issue such licenses.

Dewan's reply.—The Inspector General of Forests will investigate and do the needful.

Subject No. 467.

Sanitary improvements at Gundlupet.

Summary discussion.—The annual income of the Municipality at Gundlupet is Rs. 1,900 and the accumulated balance on hand is Rs. 9,000. Though there is such a large fund available yet the roads and drains are not attended to. Orders should be issued to devote the money in hand for the repair of roads, construction of V shape drains and for providing lamp-posts. In accordance with the reply of the Dewan at last year's meeting, the Municipal Board have been addressed in the matter but in vain. There is no use in spending a large amount on water projects when the roads and drains are not in good order and the sanitation of the town is bad. The old Karanji may be repaired at a cost of Rs. 200 and the remaining amount spent on repairing roads, &c. The balance, if any, left after meeting the cost of the improvement above suggested, may be spent on water projects under contemplation. The sum of Rs. 4,000 sanctioned for constructing pipes at Gundlupet is large and unnecessary. The old tunnels may be repaired at a cost of Rs. 200 as stated above and the balance spent on improving the sanitary